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Our Case No. 9281-4138
Client Reference No. N US01701

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masahiro Ooshima et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Spin-Valve Type Thin Film)
Magnetic Element)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Before the first paragraph, insert /--This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/814,531, filed on March 21, 2001, and entitled "Spin-Valve Type Thin Film Magnetic Element"--.

Respectfully submitted,

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